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This Response is in reply to the Election of Species requirement mailed on May 2, 2006. Claims 1-24 remain in this application. Reconsideration of the present application in view of this response is respectfully requested.

The Examiner restricts the present application to claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- A. Figures 4A, B
- B. Figures 4C, D
- C. Figures 4E, F
- D. Figures 4G
- E. Figure 5
- F. Figure 6
- G. Figures 7A, B
- H. Figure 7C
- I. Figures 8, 9
- J. Figure 10
- K. Figures 11, 12

This Election of Species requirement is respectfully traversed. For example, the embodiment of Figures 5 and 6 show the use of at least one electrical terminal and in insulator to electrically isolate the first blade from the second blade. Applicant's maintain that the use of such a structure can be used with any of the disclosed mechanisms for articulation. Thus, Applicant's respectfully request that Embodiments E and F be withdrawn from the species request.

Applicant hereby elect Species G, Figures 7A and 7B for further prosecution on the merits in the present application. Claims 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 read on the elected embodiment. In addition, Applicant's respectfully request that claim 16 be considered by the

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Examiner because claim 16 relates to the electrical terminal and insulator shown in Figure 5.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss this application if doing so would facilitate the examination.

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